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**WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 8-18, 2004**

**NEW!! SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)**-On Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10, depending on weather, chip seal and/or fog seal work will be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**SR 28/Harrington to Davenport (MP 117-130)**-Today (Thursday July 8) chip seal work is underway. During this work, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Fog seal work is planned for Thursday and Friday, July 15-16. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars when roadwork is underway. All paving and seal work is dependent on weather. Some guardrail work is also scheduled.

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)**-On Monday afternoon (7/12) through Wednesday morning (7/13), the eastbound and westbound Sprague Lake Rest areas will be closed for parking lot paving repair work. In addition, the eastbound Sprague Lake rest area will continue to be closed into Wednesday afternoon for water system repairs. Then, beginning on Sunday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the eastbound and westbound Sprague Lake Rest Areas will be fully closed for parking lot pavement sealing. In other project activity, paving and earthwork is underway on various sections of I-90 within these project limits. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to **55 mph** when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)**- Concrete paving is underway. Work will not impact freeway traffic however increased construction activity adjacent to the freeway lanes may distract drivers. Intermittent nighttime on and off ramp restrictions are possible to move paving equipment from one location to another. In general, travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be **extremely alert** within this work zone and be on a special lookout for vehicles slowing ahead near on ramps. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

**NEW!! I-90/Sullivan to Idaho (MP 292-299)**-Work is getting underway with some median construction items on the schedule. No daytime lane restrictions.

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**I-90/ITS (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 284)**- Some work on local streets near the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> at Freya and 4<sup>th</sup> at Havana at times. No freeway lane restrictions.

**SR 290/Trent Avenue Bridge (MP 1)**-Items on the schedule include removal of temporary work bridge structures with possible roadway finish work at times. Possible lane restrictions. No delays expected.

**NEW!! SR 291/Suncrest to SR 231 (MP 14-33)**-Depending on weather and contractor scheduling, chip seal work may begin in this section on Monday, July 12. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. (Note: This is the section north and west of Suncrest and should not have as much impact on commute traffic as the previous work.)

**NEW!! US 395/Just north of Hastings Road (MP 166½)**-Excavation and paving work on southbound Division Street may be underway. Motorists may see some lane restrictions at times.

**US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges**- Bridge pier footing work is underway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting Farwell Road from the work area. No main highway traffic impacts. Some sewer work may be underway on Farwell Road will possible lane restrictions.

**SR 20/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)**-City street work underway. Paving on Clark Street and approaches may be underway this week. This is a City of Republic project with WSDOT participation. Contact (509) 775-2929.

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